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THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION tomorrow will be the most important ever held in Bridgeport. It will mark the transition from the present form of city government to the commission plan, and will substitute a non-partisan for a partisan system.

Municipal governments for more than a hundred years have been fashioned after the national government, which was created with checks and balances, partly to prevent an undue growth of democracy, but more to prevent some strong man in the government establishing himself as a dictator or king.

The national system has not shown itself adapted to municipal purposes. There has been too much red tape. Divided responsibility has ended in no responsibility. For fifty years American cities have been the wonder of the world, because of their corruption, and this corruption has been a product of bi-partisan government.

In reality the commission plan, though more centralized, is more democratic, more American and more in accordance with the spirit of the constitution, the present plan.

It gives more power to the voters, by providing the powers of initiative, referendum and the recall.

The Warrenite contracts show the undemocratic and despotic nature of the present government. These contracts were objectionable to substantially the whole population of Bridgeport. But they were made, nevertheless, because the servants elected to office are virtually despots during their terms. They are agents whose acts cannot be disputed by their principals, no matter how much the agents may outrun the will of their employers.

Under the commission form the Warrenite contracts could be called before the people and vetoed, and upon a petition of recall the men concerned in making them might be discharged, even though their terms were unexpired.

An example of the operation of one of these powers—the referendum—is the vote on bonds. Were it not for this vote Bridgeport would now have a debt, not of \$3,000,000 but of \$7,000,000, for Mayor Wilson and those who supported him, did their best to create more than \$6,000,000 of debt and were only prevented by the referendum.

Of the four parties running for office, three support the change, which ought to prove that the people of Bridgeport want commission government.

Do not forget to vote "yes" on the Commission government question at the top of the machine. This ballot is even more important than the ballot for mayor.

ALDERMAN WALKER'S DISAVOWAL

THE CIRCULAR denouncing Candidate D. E. Walker, as "a saloon keeper, an Irishman and a Roman Catholic" is probably the work of some fanatic, or perhaps of some over-enthusiastic political heeler.

The trouble with such literature is that it stirs up dormant feelings of bigotry and prejudice, and that the public can never be sure of the source.

Every such appeal cuts two ways, and every such thing may come either from the party under attack, or it may be a genuine attack from outside sources.

Alderman Walker disposes once and for all of the claim that the circular came from his camp, and was designed to help him, by an appeal to prejudice.

He offers a reward of \$500 for the author. Henry Lee, makes an equally clear and specific repudiation, and both of these gentlemen must be exonerated for complicity and will be by all fair-minded men.

In Massachusetts there is a law forbidding anonymous political circulars. Connecticut needs a similar law. Then foolish, cowardly and ignorant attacks would be prevented, or the responsibility would be placed where it belonged.

WHO IS THE ANGEL

THE WONDER grows and grows, where does the Wilson administration get all its money? Never has the city seen so much expensive literature, bound, printed on glazed paper, with half tone cuts. Unbound, folded, unfolded, truthful and untruthful, but all costly. Every householder's mail has been burdened with the stuff for weeks. The government printing office is working overtime on two cents stamps. Where does the money come from? Who pays the bills? Jones used to pay the freight. The people pay for Warrenite. Who pays for the printing?

A WORD FOR MINOR CANDIDATES

DEMOCRATS WILL not permit the excitement of voting for commission government, cause them to overlook the deserving candidates on the Democratic ticket, even those below the office of mayor.

The Democratic candidates for city clerk, town clerk, treasurer, board of education, sheriffs, selectmen and the rest are good competent men, who would do the work acceptably until the new form of government is installed.

THE NEW PROGRESS

IT WILL BE said of Mayor Wilson, after he is retired to private life tomorrow, "He discovered debt and called it progress."

WANTED: BY U. S. NAVY PAYMASTERS

Washington, Nov. 1—Officials of the army war college are co-operating with the navy department in efforts to secure some good material out of which assistant paymasters in the navy may be developed. The war college has just sent a request to the adjutant general of Connecticut and every other state asking each of them to designate a young man educated at a military school in each state to take the examination for assistant paymaster in the navy.

In this way some new and young blood will be injected into the navy.

paymaster corps. It is pointed out here that with the increase of the navy proposed in the national defense improvement program there will be good opportunity for ambitious and industrious young men to secure promotion. Advancement is possible from assistant paymaster all the way up through various grades to that of paymaster general at a salary of \$7,000 a year. The present paymaster general of the navy, Samuel McGowan, entered the service as the result of just such an examination as is now being arranged for.

President Wilson and Mrs. Galt, his fiancée, plan to visit the new summer White House, Shadow Lawn, near Wood Lake, N. J., next week.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor
DANIEL E. WALKER

City Clerk
GEORGE M. COUGHLIN

Town Clerk
WILLIAM L. ZEPP

Collector
JOHN M. DONNELLY

City Treasurer
JOHN W. GRANT

Board of Education
JOHN J. CULLINAN
JAMES L. SULLIVAN

City Sheriffs
CHARLES B. MARA
THOMAS LOVELY
JOHN J. DOYLE

Selectmen
JAMES P. GRIFFIN
HUGH CAMPBELL
GEORGE BUCZKO

ALDERMEN

First District
JAMES HUDDY

Second District
JOHN J. FORD

Third District
JOHN B. CALLAHAN

Fourth District
THOMAS C. CARROLL

Fifth District
THOMAS H. FLYNN

Sixth District
THOMAS M. McNAMARA

Seventh District
DANIEL E. BRENNAN

Eighth District
JOHN A. CORNELL, Jr.

Ninth District
FREDERICK MARTIN

Tenth District
JOHN J. SCULLY

Eleventh District
JAMES M. WILLIAMS

Twelfth District
DANIEL J. CONNORS

WAR REFUGEES DODGE PAYING DEBTS TO U.S.

Treasury Department Has
List of 2,000 Who
Haven't Settled.

Washington, Nov. 1—The Treasury Department has made public the names of more than 2,000 persons who had failed to refund to the Federal Government money advanced to them in 1914 to enable them to return from Europe, where they were marooned by the war. This list will be followed from time to time by other lists of persons who have failed to pay and whose cases are now being investigated. It is understood to be the intention of the Government to sue those who are able to pay.

It is apparent that many of the borrowers gave fictitious names and that many others gave addresses that did not exist. In one case the address is a vacant lot. The most frequent notation on the list is "Can't Locate."

The Treasury Department prefaced the list of names with this statement: "A number of persons who were caught in Europe at the time of the outbreak of the war in the Summer of 1914, and to whom funds were advanced by the representatives of the United States Government who were sent abroad or stationed abroad for that purpose, have failed or refused to repay the money advanced to them. It will be remembered that at that time a veritable panic overtook Americans who were in Europe, many of whom were without money, and even though they had drafts or letters of credit, they were unable to raise money on them."

"Representatives of the United States government in Europe were besieged by frantic Americans desiring that they be sent home and at once. Others clamored for money to provide themselves with food. The sacred duties of the American government to the alienated Congress acted; \$2,750,000 was appropriated to relieve the necessities of American citizens abroad, with the provision that persons to whom relief was furnished should reimburse the United States if financially able to do so."

\$1,500,000 Sent Over

"Arrangements were made by cable by which our diplomatic and consular officers in Europe were provided with money to assist our citizens who came to them for relief. One million five hundred thousand dollars in gold coin was loaded on the battleship Tennessee in the New York harbor a few days after war was declared and sent to London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, and other large cities of Europe, to be used in assisting our citizens. A large amount of money was advanced to persons asking relief, and receipts or promises of repayment were taken from them."

"A considerable number of these obligations have been paid, but many still remain unpaid. Although there is no duty on the part of the government to look up the signatures of these notes and demand payment, yet in the case of every person whose name appears on this list efforts have been made to find him either by personal visit or through the post office. In many cases the persons could not be found or letters mailed to them were not answered."

"The collection of the amounts due from these delinquents will be pushed where the person is fully able to repay the amount advanced. Each case is to be investigated, and where the person is found to be financially able to repay to the government the amount advanced it is the intention of the Treasury department to make his name public. This list will be followed from time to time by other lists when it becomes apparent to the department that the persons whose promises are held are refusing to pay, though able to do so."

W. F. SMITH RESIGNS
HOSPITAL POSITION

The many friends of William F. Smith, assistant superintendent of Bridgeport hospital, will learn with great regret that in a letter of resignation to the board of directors he has severed his connection with the institution to take effect November 12.

Mr. Smith, who has served in his present capacity since the retirement of Raymond Jones, will take a few weeks vacation before entering other fields of endeavor.

Terre Haute police and firemen have been ordered to salute the American flag.

JUST ARRIVED,
FRENCH AND DUTCH BULBS
JOHN RECK & SON.

JAPAN IS READY TO HELP ALLIES, PREMIER AVERS

Count Okuma Says Finances
of Nation Can Be Turned
to Europe.

Paris, Nov. 1.—While Japan will be unable to send troops to the European theatres of war she will gladly assist the entente allies as far as she can financially and lend them the support of her arsenals, according to Count Okuma, the premier, who was interviewed at Tokio by the Matin's correspondent.

"There was talk last November of Japanese forces fighting in Europe," Count Okuma is reported to have said. "To have done that we should have had to send 400,000 men, expecting to lose 200,000 of them and replace them with 200,000 more. We had not the necessary transports, for we should have wanted 2,000,000 tons of shipping and our commercial fleet aggregates only 1,000,000. In the face of these figures Great Britain and France understood the impossibility of the operation."

"Our sympathies being as strong as ever, we should wish to give France our financial support at least and thus perhaps hasten the end of the war. Japan is not a great financial power but we have certain resources. We have just covered twice over a government loan of 30,000,000 yen (\$15,000,000) and that probably would make the issue of a second loan difficult; but to prove our sympathy for France we should be happy to give our aid, however modest."

"The impossibility of sending troops westward does not prevent us giving our allies naval and military support. Our arsenals are mobilized as in time of war. We play also the role of sentinel in the far east, preventing our enemies from fomenting revolt among the warlike Mussulman peoples who might be tempted to profit from our difficulties. We also are doing everything necessary to guard against damage to the trans-Siberian railway, whereby our supplies reach Russia. The principle back of all Japanese action is that while our allies are fighting we shall not allow them to be attacked from behind."

BIBLE NIGHT AT THE
Y. W. C. A., TUESDAY.

Tuesday night is Bible night at the Y. W. C. A. at 1083 Broad street. Supper is served at 6 p. m., after which all gather in the parlors to sing for 20 minutes and then go to their classes which last 45 minutes, leaving the main part of the evening free to go elsewhere.

Reports to the fish and game commission report 495 deer killed in Connecticut since the law permitting owners of land to kill the animals went into effect August 1.

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and unlined grades.

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DRESS GLOVES

In Cape, Mocha, Silk and
Wool lined
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We feature a large variety
in the above line from the
pig skin which gives the best
service for the money, to the
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Bridge Builders, etc.

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Chair \$6.75



Rocker \$6.75

Two very attractive Windsor Chairs which have recently made their appearance are a little unusual in their make-up. Though perfect copies of Colonial Style in design, the chairs are of white ivory enamel with rails of mahogany.

The rockers are of mahogany and, on the chair, the tips of the legs are of mahogany with glides. Both designs are exceedingly attractive for living room, library or bedrooms. Made to sell at \$9.00.

Special price to introduce.
May be had also in plain mahogany.

The Corset Section

Since the reconstruction this section is much larger and more convenient for women who wish to examine corsets closely and try on the different models. Three attractive and well-lighted fitting rooms are in connection with the section. - All the leading makes are shown:

Nemo Corsets, Self-reducing and Wonderlift,	\$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00
Bor Ton,	\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00
Royal Worcester Corsets,	\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00
Madame Binner,	\$5.00 and upwards
R. & G. Corsets,	\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50
Redfern, Lace front and hook front,	\$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00
Warner Rust proof, Lace front and hook front,	\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00
P. N. Corsets,	\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50
P. N., with practical side-steel,	\$1.50
C. B. Corsets,	\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00
La Victoire,	\$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00
Thompson glove fitting,	\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
La Resistia,	\$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50
Frolaset,	\$3.50, \$5.00 and \$6.50
Rengo Belt,	\$2.00 and \$3.00

Black Silk Stockings Special at \$1.50

Special is an easy word to say, an easy word to write, but it means something right here. These Black Silk Stockings are the production of a high class manufacturer, whose name may not appear in this connection, but he was overstocked on this number, which is a \$2.00 stocking offered at

\$1.50

Black only, with black clocking; double soles, heels and tops.

An important offer

Main floor.

Dolls

All dolls will be found located in the Children's Shop on the second floor. There is an interesting company of dressed dolls with hand made clothing of proper character which may be removed the same as any children's clothes.

Undressed Dolls of all sizes and styles.
Unique Playthings, floating toys and other novelties.

Sweaters and Shaker Coats for Men and Boys.

Sweaters in oxford gray, light and dark navy, tan, maroon and brown, with V necks and shawl collars.

For Men \$3.00 to \$6.00

For Boys \$3.00 and \$3.50

Shaker Coats for men. These are heavier than the average sweater, a soft thick weave, well liked for golf or tramp-ing in cold weather.

\$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.50

Men's Wear Section, Main floor.

Jardinieres

One group at reduction.

A gathering of Jardinieres of uniform size is offered at a low price. These are in light and dark terra cotta of most artistic coloring, with conventional floral decorations, thistles, daffodils and other flowers.

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Big Noise Makers and Horns Combined	8c
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